Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Van Lindquist, a native of Rapid City, South Dakota, has been associated with the Black Hills Council of Local Governments for nearly as long as the organization has been in existence; and,

Whereas, The Black Hills Council, formerly known as the Sixth Planning and Development District, was officially organized in January 1972, and Van's association with the organization began shortly thereafter; and,

Whereas, Governor Richard F. Kneip dispatched Van from the State Planning Bureau as his liaison in the aftermath and subsequent recover efforts following the devastating Rapid City flood that took place on June 9, 1972, which changed the course of Van's employment career; and,

Whereas, Following the temporary assignment from the Governor's Office, Van was hired as permanent staff by the emerging Sixth District as an economic development specialist, and in 1977, Van was promoted to the position of Executive Director, and will retire from that position on July 25, 2008; and,

Whereas, Through the Black Hills Council, Van played a major role in the passage of enabling legislation that allowed the creation of water development districts across the state of South Dakota, which led to the establishment of the West Dakota Water Development District (WDWDD) in 1986, and Van has served as the administrative manager of WDWDD since its inception; and,

Whereas, During Van's more than 36 year association with the Black Hills Council of Local Governments and the WDWDD, many alliances have been forged with local, state, federal agencies and the private sector in promoting planning and economic development efforts in western South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Van's colleagues, family, and friends will gather to offer their congratulations and many thanks for a job well done, and it is fitting and proper as Governor to share in this momentous occasion:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 25, 2008, as

VAN LINDQUIST DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First Day of July in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State